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TO : Mr. Max Millikan

DATE: December 14, 1951

FROM :

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SUBJECT: NIS-26, Supplement V

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I am enclosing a note on this subject prepared by [REDACTED] with which I concur. I have already discussed the problem with Bill Morrell. I assume you will do as you wish about handling this either in your capacity as Chairman of the EIC or in your position in ORR.

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NIS-26, Supplement V

At a recent meeting of the Petroleum Subcommittee of the EIC, a discussion took place on the advisability of producing NIS-26, Supplement V at this time. The Department of Interior is now engaged in the preliminary work on this project with the expectation of completing a draft in March 1952.

In view of the considerable detail called for in Supplement V and the special research problems associated with the USSR, the Subcommittee believes that a satisfactory product could not be prepared under the proposed schedule. A hastily prepared draft would serve no useful purpose and would very likely require reviewing agencies to spend an inordinate amount of time indicating in what ways the draft had to be expanded and revised. Furthermore, the Petroleum Subcommittee is currently engaged in a detailed survey of the gaps in and quality of existing intelligence on Soviet petroleum. It would be difficult and wasteful for anyone to prepare a detailed report on Soviet petroleum such as Supplement V is intended to be, without the benefit of that survey.

The Subcommittee recommended to the EIC that production of this Supplement be delayed at least until the present attempts of the intelligence agencies to assess the deficiencies in existing intelligence is completed. The EIC has discussed this matter and concurs in this recommendation.

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